Eligibility Vocabulary

Eligibility Interview – the date when the recruiter conducts an eligibility interview with an individual. Recruiters must focus on moves that occurred “within the preceding 36 months of the eligibility interview.”

Residence – a place where one lives and not just visits. In certain circumstances, boats, vehicles, tents, trailers, etc., may serve as a residence.

Move – changing from one residence to another. Traveling from one residence to another. Not a Visit.

Qualifying Move – a move that an individual made under the following conditions:
  - due to economic necessity, and
  - from one residence to another, and
  - from one school district to another.

The worker has to make a Qualifying Move. The child has to make a Qualifying Move.

Economic Necessity – moving because an individual had a financial need. For example, not being able to afford to stay in the current location, moving for work or because work has ended.

Qualifying Work – work that is temporary or seasonal employment, or for personal subsistence, in agriculture or fishing.

Engage – “Engaged in Qualifying Work” – to begin working or performing a job. Having started the work.

Soon After the Move (SAM) – 60 days.
Recent History of Moves – moves that resulted in the engagement of Qualifying Work that occurred within the preceding 36 months of the eligibility interview.

Migratory Agriculture Worker (MAW) – an individual who, in the preceding 36 months, made a Qualifying Move and, soon after the move, engaged in new temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in Qualifying Work in agriculture.

Migratory Fisher – an individual who, in the preceding 36 months, made a Qualifying Move and, soon after the move, engaged in new temporary or seasonal employment or personal subsistence in Qualifying Work in fishing.

Migratory Qualifying Worker – an individual who is either a Migratory Agriculture Worker or Migratory Fisher.

Migratory Child – a child who is;
(1) younger than 22 years of age;
(2) entitled to a free public education under State law;
(3) made a Qualifying Move in the preceding 36 months...
   i. as a Migratory Qualifying Worker, or
   ii. with a Migratory Qualifying Worker, or
   iii. to join or precede a Migratory Qualifying Worker.

Qualifying Arrival Date (QAD) – the date that both the child and the Migratory Qualifying Worker complete the Qualifying Moves. The child must have moved:
(1) as the Migratory Qualifying Worker, or
(2) with, to join or precede a parent/guardian/spouse who is a Migratory Qualifying Worker.

Residency Date (RD) – the date when the child moves (establishes residence) into the present school district.